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THE **SCARLET WITCH** HAS LOST HER MIND AND HAS USED HER MUTANT POWER TO ALTER REALITY, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD INTO A MUTANT UTOPIA RULED FROM GENOSHA BY HER FATHER, **MAGNETO**.

WELCOME TO THE **HOUSE OF M**.

BECAUSE OF WANDA'S REALITY SHAKE-UP, A TRANS-TEMPORAL TSUNAMI OF UNIMAGINABLE FORCE SWEEPED OUTWARD FROM OUR EARTH, ALSO KNOWN AS EARTH 616, SHATTERING THE WALLS BETWEEN DIMENSIONS AS IT SPREAD TO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF CROSSTIME. CAUGHT UP IN THE DEVASTATION WAS **BRIAN BRADDOCK**, MONARCH OF OTHERWORLD.

UNLESS THE CHAOS-WAVE IS STOPPED, ALL REALITY WILL DEVOLVE INTO NOTHINGNESS. THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THIS IS TO SEAL THE BREACH IN THE DIMENSIONAL WALLS THAT OCCURRED ON EARTH WHEN THE SCARLET WITCH ALTERED ITS FUNDAMENTAL REALITY. IF BRIAN (A.K.A. **CAPTAIN BRITAIN**) CAN'T DO THIS, OUR UNIVERSE WILL BE ERASED FROM EXISTENCE.

UNFORTUNATELY, UPON RETURNING TO EARTH 616, BRIAN HAS FALLEN COMPLETELY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF WANDA'S REALITY-ALTERATION. BRIAN IS NOW MONARCH OF ENGLAND, BUT HE KEEPS HAVING A NIGHTMARE ABOUT THE IMMINENT END OF THE UNIVERSE. IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, HE MUST STOP A VIOLENT GROUP OF BOUNTY HUNTERS ON THE TRAIL OF A YOUNG WOMAN WHOSE GENESCAN SUGGESTS A DIRECT LINK WITH THE HOUSE OF M.

HIS SISTER **PSYLOCKE** AND HER FRIEND **MARVEL GIRL** CONFRONT THE YOUNG FUGITIVE, NAMED **NOCTURNE**. HOWEVER, WHAT BOTH WOMEN WERE UNAWARE OF WAS THAT THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED.

### THE WEST OF ENGLAND

SOMETHING'S  
COMING, GIRLS.





...HEADS UP!

WE'VE GOT COMPANY!

KRRSSH!



SAW THEM TWO BINTS SLIP AWAY. FIGURED IT'D BE WORTH IT 'I FOLLOW!

THE TELEPATH IS USING HER POWER TO INHIBIT MINE...

...BUT CALIBAN STILL DETECTS ENOUGH OF OUR QUARRY'S SCENT TO KNOW SHE IS HERE.

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE, CHILD. THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN.

YIELD-- IN THE NAME OF MAGNETO!



RACHEL-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

IMPROVISING, BETSY--LIKE ALWAYS.

YOU WANT TO POSSESS SOMEONE NOCTURNE?

TRY ME.

OH BLOODY HELL!

THE UNCANNY X-MEN!

# Season of the Witch

PART 3 OF 4  
BY CHRIS CLAREMONT & NEW REGULAR ARTIST CHRIS BACHALO!

STAND DOWN, MARAUDERS.

THERE'S NOBODY HERE BUT THE PRINCESS ROYAL OF THE REALM AND HER COMPANION.

IRWIN MENDOZA, C

SELV

SEAN

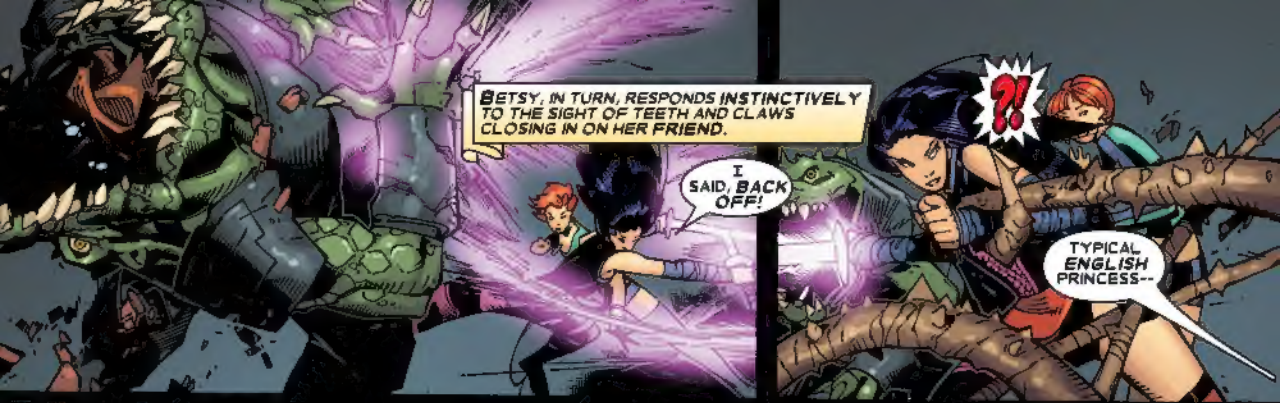
MIKE

DAN

CALIBAN DOES NOT BELIEVE YOU.

THE GIRL'S HERE, I CAN SMELL HER!

RACHEL'S A TELEPATH, SHE KNOWS T-REX IS BLUFFING.

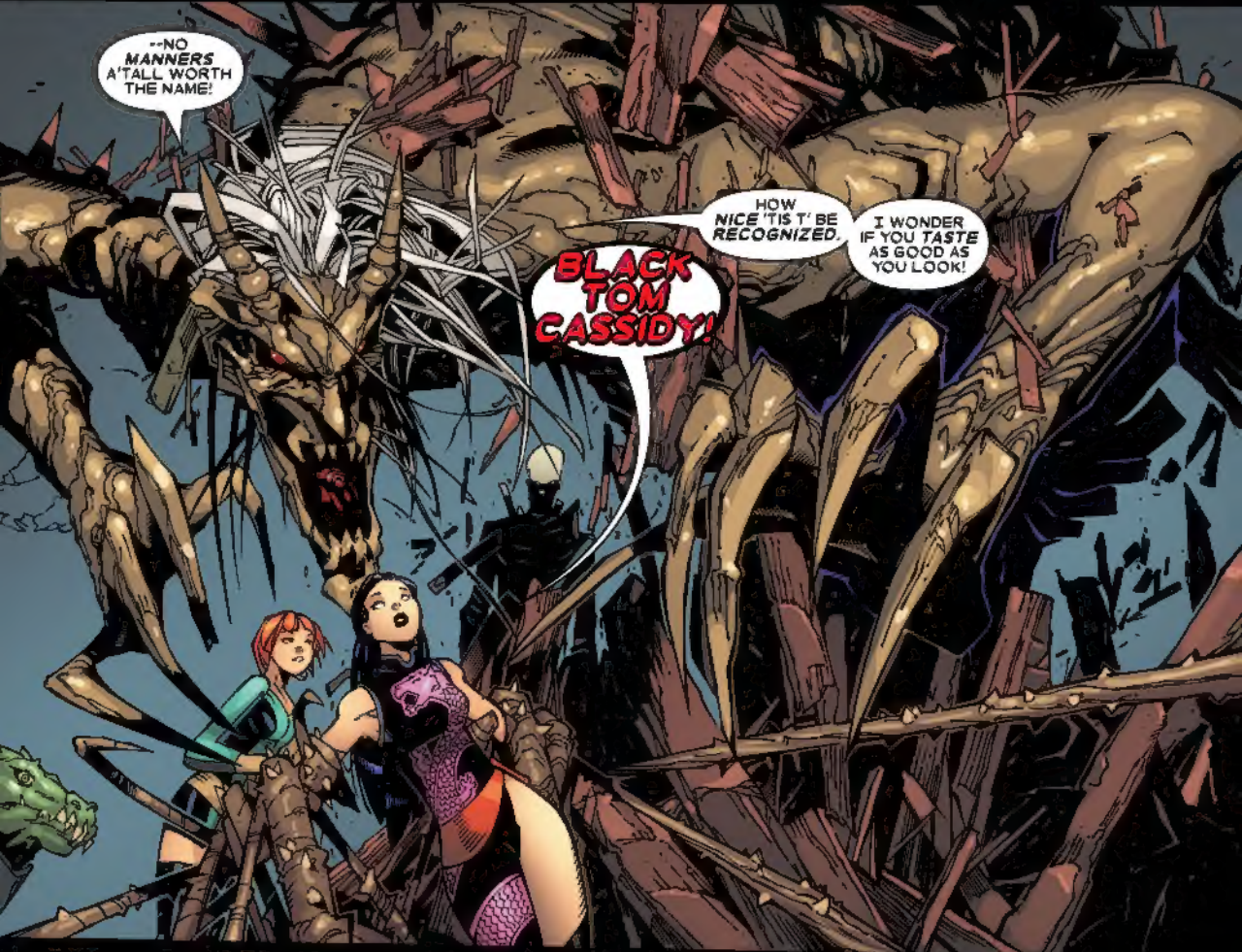


BETSY, IN TURN, RESPONDS INSTINCTIVELY TO THE SIGHT OF TEETH AND CLAWS CLOSING IN ON HER FRIEND.

I SAID, BACK OFF!

!!

TYPICAL ENGLISH PRINCESS--



--NO MANNERS A'TALL WORTH THE NAME!

HOW NICE 'TIS T' BE RECOGNIZED.

I WONDER IF YOU TASTE AS GOOD AS YOU LOOK!

**BLACK TOM CASSIDY!**



WORD IS, Y'R TEKE CAN SHATTER MOUNTAINS?

ODDLY ENOUGH, SO CAN I.

LET'S DANCE, AN' SEE WHO'S THE STRONGER!



AIEOW!  
IT  
BURNS!

COURTESY  
OF MY HOT  
KNIVES,  
PLANT-MAN.

I'VE GOT  
YOUR BACK,  
MILADY!



HOW  
VERY KIND,  
MR. WISDOM.



FOR THE  
RECORD, CASSIDY,  
THE STRENGTH OF  
MY TEKE IS LIMITED  
SOLELY BY MY  
IMAGINATION--



--AND MY  
IMAGINATION  
HAS NO LIMIT.

I SHORT-  
CIRCUITED HIS  
BRAIN STEM. HE'LL  
BE OUT FOR A  
LONG WHILE.



ROYAL TO  
RACHEL,  
ANYBODY  
HOME?  
WE WORK  
BEST AS A  
TEAM,  
REMEMBER?



EVIDENTLY  
NOT.



I SWEAR,  
SOMEDAY THAT  
GIRL WILL BE THE  
DEATH OF ME.

SADDLE UP,  
MARAUDERS.

I'M BETTING IF  
WE FOLLOW THE  
PRINCESS, SHE AND  
THE REDHEAD WILL  
LEAD US STRAIGHT  
TO NOCTURNE--

--AND  
THE BIGGEST  
PAYDAY OF  
OUR LIVES!



I DON'T  
THINK SO,  
CALLISTO.

OUR  
AUTHORITY  
COMES FROM THE  
HOUSE OF M.  
BRADDOCK.

PICK A FIGHT  
WITH US, YOU'LL  
START A WAR.



D'YOU REALLY THINK  
THE MASTER OF  
THE WORLD  
WANTS THAT FOR  
A BIRTHDAY PRESENT?

WE  
HAVE OUR  
ORDERS.

THIS IS MY  
REALM,  
CALLISTO.

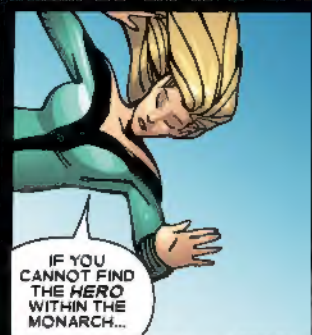
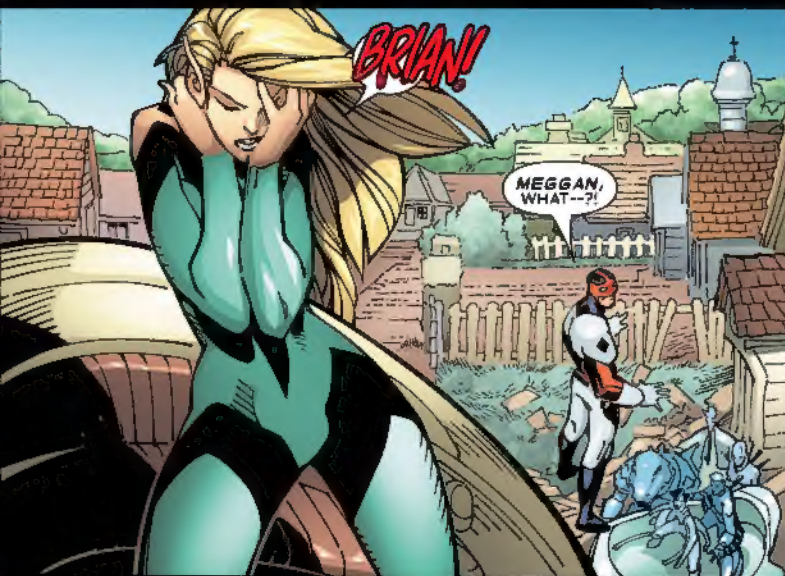
LET  
ME AND  
MY SISTER  
HANDLE  
THIS.

DON'T  
WORRY, YOU'LL  
GET THE CREDIT,  
AND THE FEE.

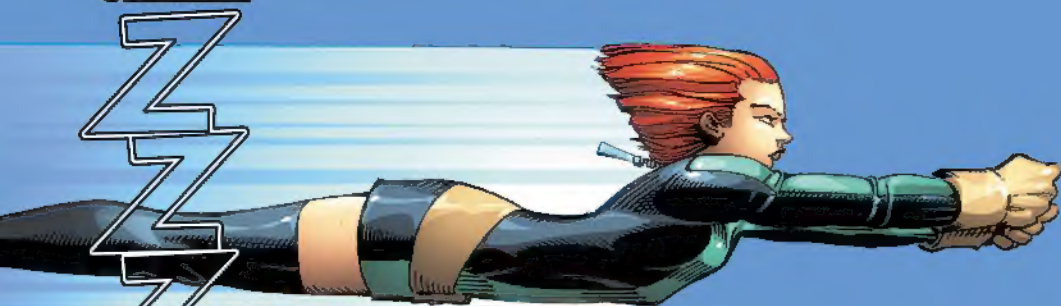
ALL, RIGHT,  
BRADDOCK,  
THIS ROUND  
TO YOU.

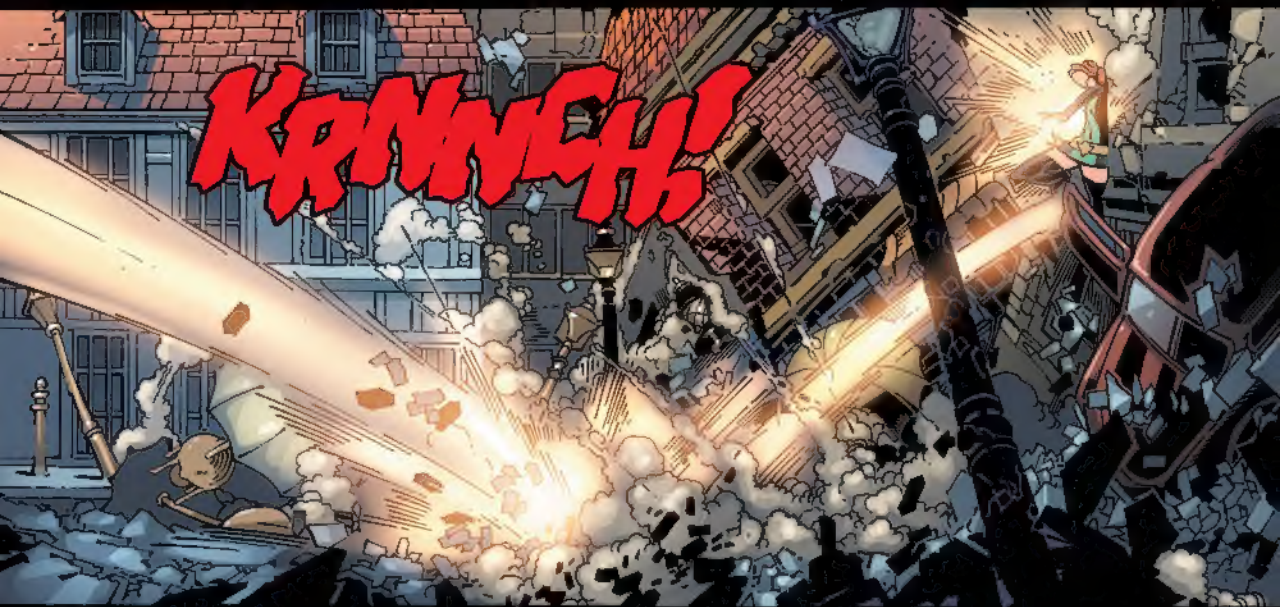
BUT IF THERE'S  
EVEN A HINT OF  
A DOUBLE  
CROSS...

...ROYAL  
BLOOD WON'T  
SAVE YOU--OR  
YOUR PRECIOUS  
SISTER.



⊗ MEANWHILE









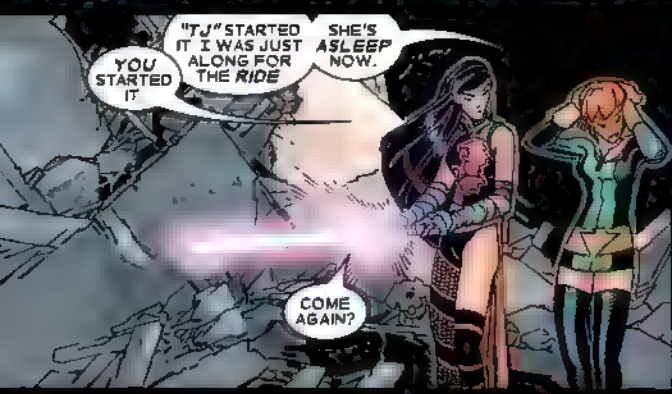
I GIVE UP!

I GIVE UP!

I GIVE UP!

RACHEL?

GEEZ DIDJA  
HAFTA BRING  
DOWN THE ENTIRE  
HOUSE?!

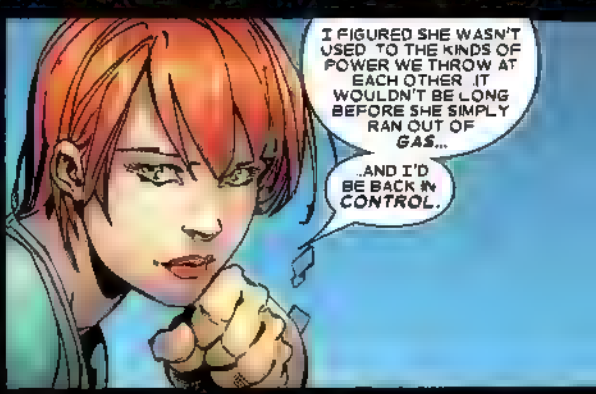


YOU  
STARTED  
IT

"TJ" STARTED  
IT I WAS JUST  
ALONG FOR  
THE RIDE

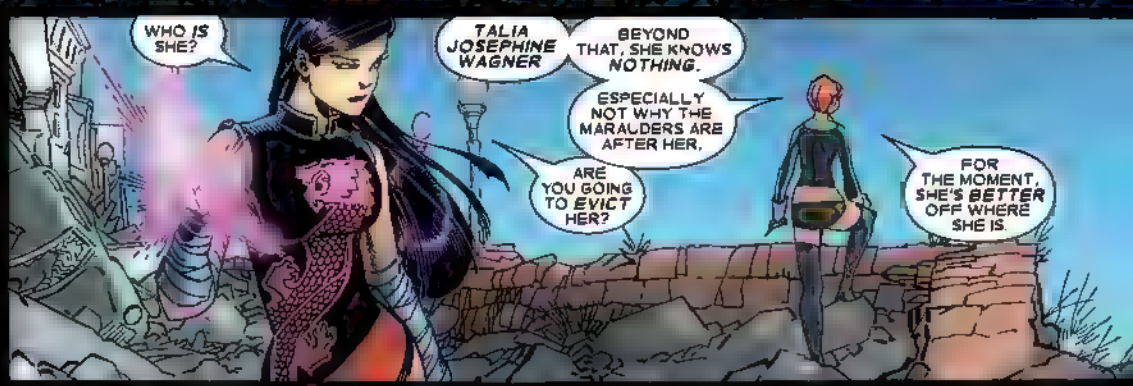
SHE'S  
ASLEEP  
NOW.

COME  
AGAIN?



I FIGURED SHE WASN'T  
USED TO THE KINDS OF  
POWER WE THROW AT  
EACH OTHER. IT  
WOULDN'T BE LONG  
BEFORE SHE SIMPLY  
RAN OUT OF  
GAS...

AND I'D  
BE BACK IN  
CONTROL.



WHO IS  
SHE?

TALIA  
JOSEPHINE  
WAGNER

BEYOND  
THAT, SHE KNOWS  
NOTHING.

ESPECIALLY  
NOT WHY THE  
MARAUDERS ARE  
AFTER HER.

ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO EVICT  
HER?

FOR  
THE MOMENT,  
SHE'S BETTER  
OFF WHERE  
SHE IS

IF YOU  
DON'T MIND MY  
ASKING ROYAL  
HIGHNESS--

--WHERE  
ARE WE?

MY  
OLD PLAY-  
GROUND.

RIIIGHT--  
THE SMASHING  
MOUNTAINS  
THING

SIGH!

THESE  
RUINS USED TO  
BE ST WILLIAM'S  
TOWER...

WHERE  
I PLAYED AS A  
YOUNG GIRL

WHAT  
WAS IT BETTS  
SOME VICTORIAN-  
ERA CHINESE  
FOLLY?

DON'T BE  
ABSD, THIS  
FORTRESS PREDATES  
THE NORMAN  
CONQUEST.

THE  
FOUNDATIONS  
WERE LAID WHEN  
THE ROMANS RULED  
THIS ISLAND AND THE  
CATACOMBS ARE  
OLDER STILL

YOU'RE RIGHT  
ABOUT THE  
AGE

BUT I'M  
RIGHT AS  
WELL

IMPOSSIBLE

THERE'S A  
STRONG ENOUGH  
RESONANCE IN THE  
STONES--

--MAY  
I SHOW YOU  
WHAT THEY  
"REMEMBER?"

WOOSH!

BY ALL  
MEANS



WELL?

WHAT THE  
DEVIL IS A TWO-  
THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD  
CHINESE FORTRESS  
DOING HERE IN THE  
BRITISH ISLES?

NO  
OFFENSE  
HIGHNESS, BUT  
HAVE YOU LOOKED  
IN A MIRROR  
LATELY?

DON'T BE  
IMPERTINENT.

RACHEL--  
THIS IS EXACTLY AS  
I REMEMBER IT

THIS IS  
REAL. THIS IS  
RIGHT.

MY BROTHER  
AND I MADE THESE  
RUINS OUR SECOND  
HOME.

BRIAN?  
THE KING?

NO

JAMIE.

OLDER  
THAN WE TWINS  
BY A DECADE

BRIAN LIVED  
IN HIS BOOKS, TRYING  
TO SOLVE THE SECRETS  
OF EVERYTHING...

...WHILE  
JAMIE AND I WE HAD  
ADVENTURES.

BUT MA'AM,  
IF HE'S FIRST-  
BORN...

WHY  
ISN'T HE  
KING?

BECAUSE  
I'M QUITE MAD,  
Y'KNOW!

POWER RUNS  
DEEP IN OUR  
FAMILY

HE GOT  
THE FULL  
MEASURE

THE ABILITY  
TO PULL THE  
QUANTUM  
STRINGS THAT  
DEFINE  
CAUSALITY

HE GOT  
HIMSELF SO  
TANGLED...

HE'LL  
NEVER TWIST  
FREE

BETSY--  
LOOK  
THERE!



IT'S A  
LIGHTHOUSE,  
RACHEL

BRIAN'S  
FAVORITE PLACE  
TO READ, SO  
WHAT?

BETSY--  
CAN'T YOU  
SEE?!

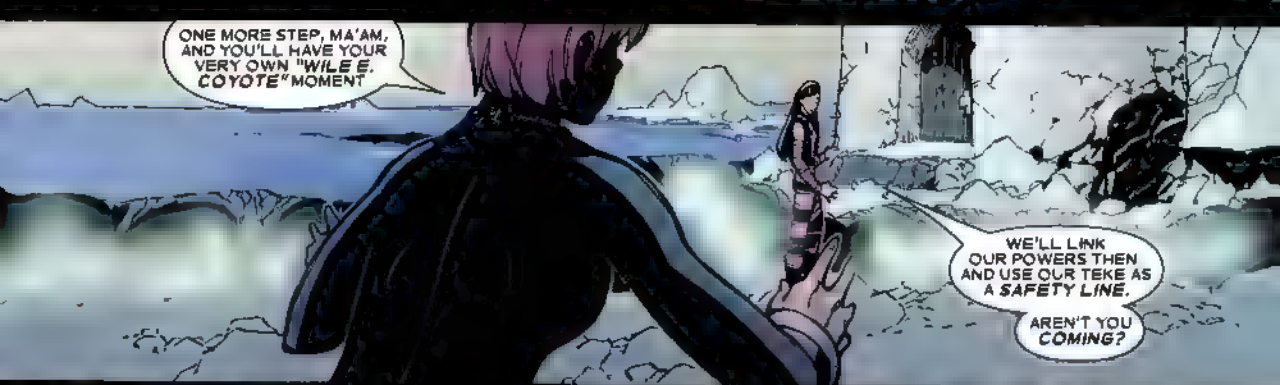
SEE  
WHAT?!

OH,  
NOTHING  
MUCH--

--JUST A  
GREAT, THUMPING  
HOLE SLASHED  
THROUGH REALITY,  
IN THE SHAPE OF  
AN "X"

REALLY?

WHERE?



ONE MORE STEP, MA'AM,  
AND YOU'LL HAVE YOUR  
VERY OWN "WILE E.  
COYOTE" MOMENT

WE'LL LINK  
OUR POWERS THEN  
AND USE OUR TEKE AS  
A SAFETY LINE.

AREN'T YOU  
COMING?



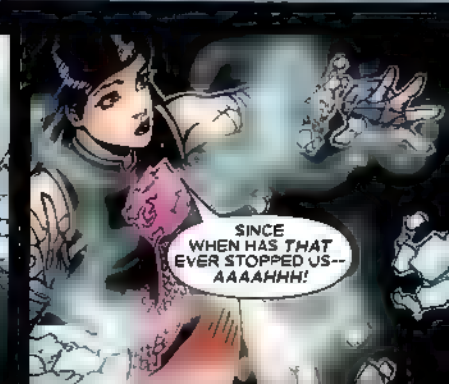
IT  
HURTS! LIKE  
SOME AWFUL,  
FESTERING  
WOUND

BETSY,  
CAN'T YOU  
FEEL IT?

PLEASE,  
COME  
AWAY!

NOT A  
THING

IT'S NOT  
SAFE!

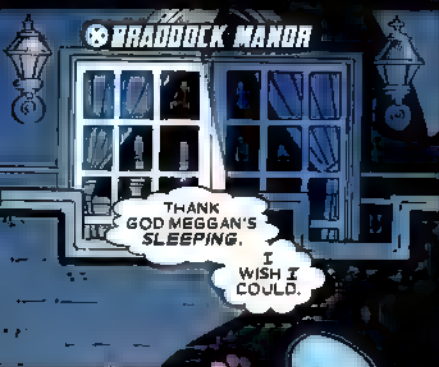


SINCE  
WHEN HAS THAT  
EVER STOPPED US--  
AAAAHHH!



WHAT IS

HAPPENING  
TO ME!

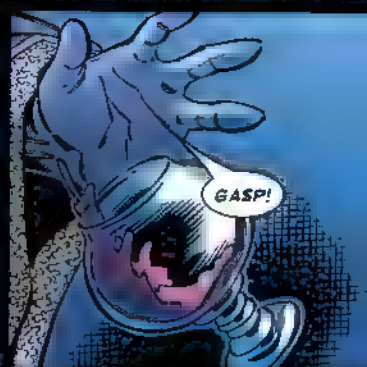


THANK  
GOD MEGGAN'S  
SLEEPING.

I  
WISH I  
COULD.



BUT I'VE  
GOT TO PUZZLE  
OUT THE MEANING  
OF WHAT I  
SAW--!



GASP!



I  
KNOW  
HIM!

MY  
OLDER BROTHER  
JAMIE.

HE'S  
COMPLETELY  
MAD.

YOUR  
FANCY  
TOY--

--SHE  
BROKE!

OF COURSE!  
I REMEMBER  
NOW.

HE SMASHED--  
THE CELESTIAL  
NULLIFIER.

BEFORE  
SATURNYNE COULD  
ANNIHILATE THIS ENTIRE  
DIMENSION!

KRSH!

KRSH!

MY CHAMPION,  
UNLESS THE REALITY  
BREACH IS SEALED, THIS  
CHAOS WAVE WILL  
CONSUME ALL  
CREATION.

TO PRESERVE  
THE SANCTITY AND  
SURVIVAL OF THE  
COSMOS, I WILL NOT  
HESITATE TO SACRIFICE  
EVEN THIS WORLD I  
SO CHERISH.

ONCE THE  
NULLIFIER IS  
REPAIRED...

I WILL  
HAVE NO CHOICE  
BUT TO ACT.

I'M MAKING  
GOOD PROGRESS,  
ROMA.

WE'RE  
ALMOST  
READY.

THE LADY  
GAVE YOU 48  
HOURS!

GET YOUR  
ACT TOGETHER  
TIME'S ALMOST  
UP!

YO--  
DUMMY!  
PAY  
ATTENTION!

MEGGAN?

AM I  
INSANE, JUST  
LIKE MY  
BROTHER?

NO  
NO.

BRIAN, LOVE,  
WE NEED TO DO  
SOMETHING

GIVE ME  
A MOMENT TO  
GET DRESSED,  
MEGGAN.

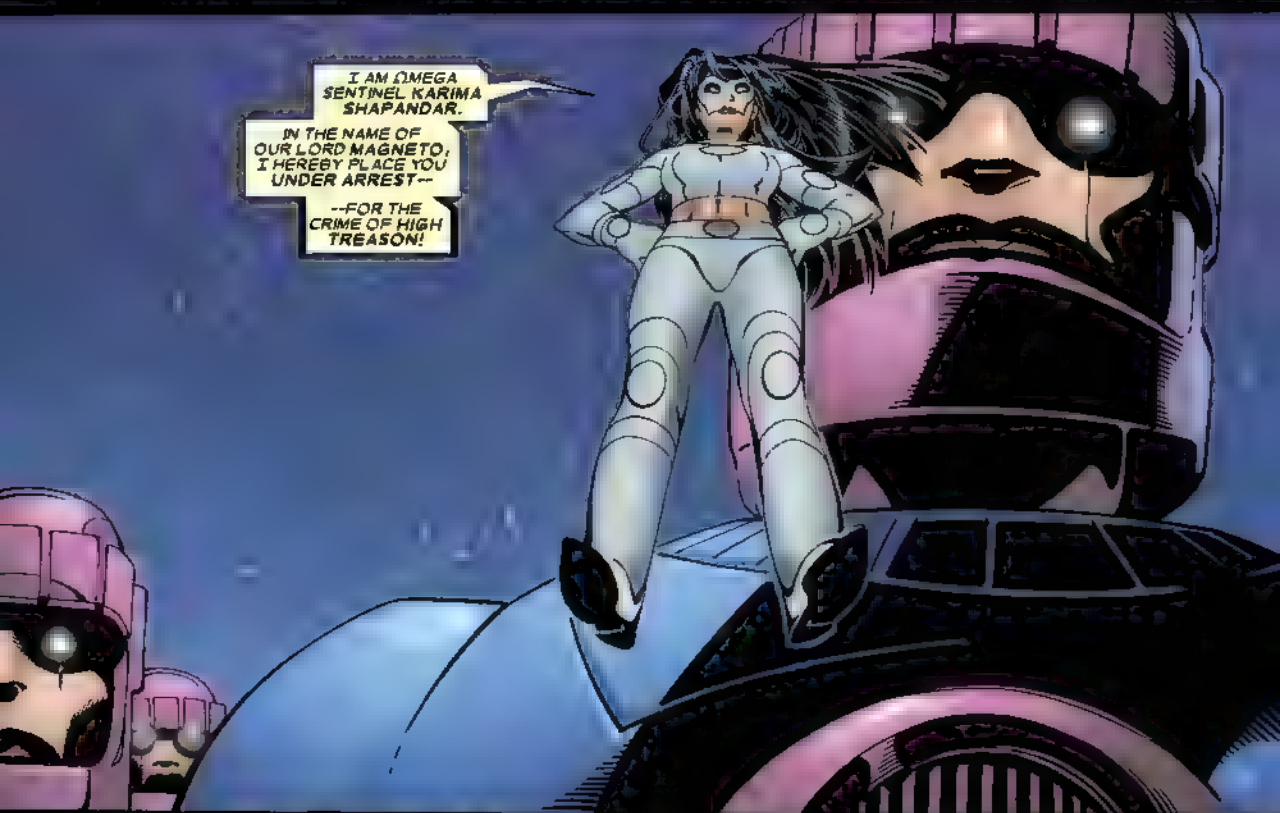
THEN WE'LL  
GO SAVE THE  
WORLD.

BRIAN!

OH,  
BLOODY  
HELL!



THE WORLD CAN  
TAKE CARE OF ITSELF,  
BRIAN BRADDOCK!  
I'D WORRY MORE  
ABOUT SAVING  
YOURSELVES.



I AM OMEGA  
SENTINEL KARIMA  
SHAPANDAR.

IN THE NAME OF  
OUR LORD MAGNETO,  
I HEREBY PLACE YOU  
UNDER ARREST--

--FOR THE  
CRIME OF HIGH  
TREASON!



RACHEL--  
--SHE'S  
PULLING ME  
BACK!

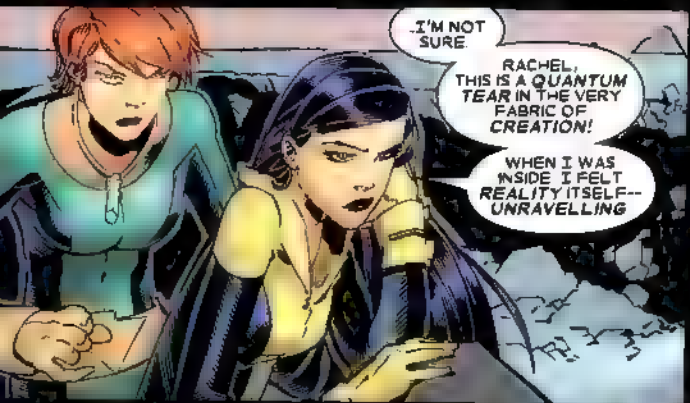
THE LIGHTHOUSE



BETTS--  
ARE YOU--?!

I'M FINE,  
IT'S THE UNIVERSE  
THAT'S SICK

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO YOUR  
CLOTHES?  
I--



I'M NOT  
SURE

RACHEL,  
THIS IS A QUANTUM  
TEAR IN THE VERY  
FABRIC OF  
CREATION!

WHEN I WAS  
INSIDE I FELT  
REALITY ITSELF--  
UNRAVELLING



WE NEED TO  
FIX THIS, WE HAVE  
TO GET BRIARRGH!!

EEEEEEEEEE



THEY'RE BOTH DOWN, CALLISTO!

EEEEEEEEE

THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY.

WRAP UP THE ROYALS-- FULL SEDATION--



--AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR FUGITIVE!



THERE SHE GOES!

SHE WAS HIDIN' INSIDE THE RED-HEAD!

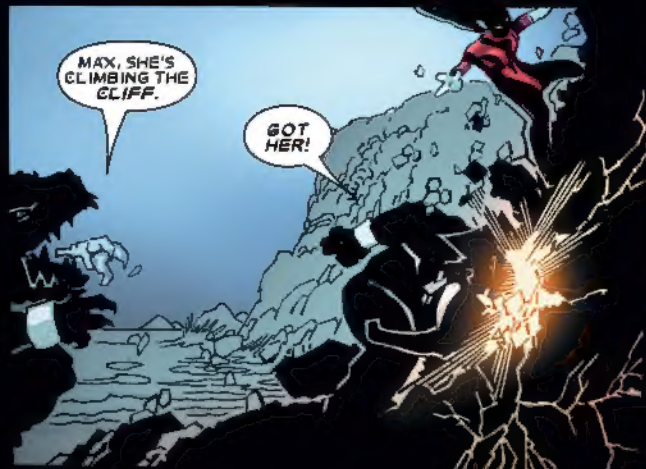
STAY FOCUSED, TJ.



KNOW YOUR ADVERSARIES.

USE THE LANDSCAPE.

I'VE GOT THOSE GUYS BEAT WITH SPEED AND AGILITY. BETTER GO FOR HIGH GROUND.



MAX, SHE'S CLIMBING THE CLIFF.

GOT HER!



COME TO POPPA, MONKEY-GIRL.

CALLISTO, I GOT THE MONEY!



STOP THIS, CALLISTO.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

THERE'S MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN YOUR BOUNTY.

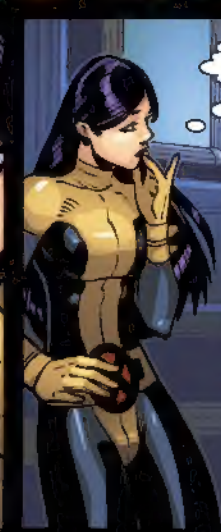


GUESS WHAT, PRINCESS—

--I DON'T CARE!



WHAT?!



I DON'T HAVE TELEPATHY.

HOW CAN I BE BACK AT THE MANOR?

I DON'T SENSE ANY THOUGHTS, IT'S MORE LIKE I'M-- SHARING THE EXPERIENCE.

P'RHAPS IT'S A TWIN THING?



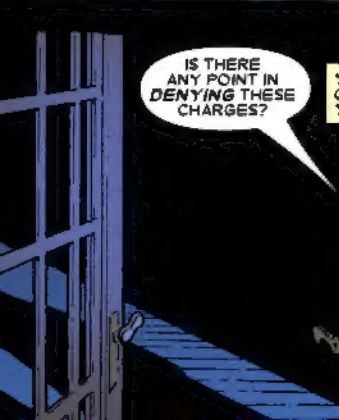
WHOA-- I'M ON THE BEACH!

I'M--AWARE OF BETSY, LIKE WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN.

THE MARAUDERS-- THEY'RE BEATING HER.



I'M BLEEDING.



IS THERE ANY POINT IN DENYING THESE CHARGES?

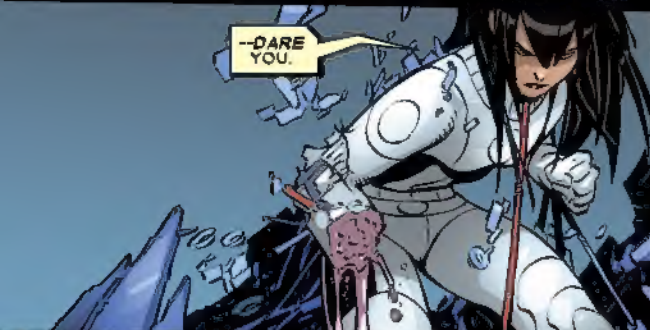
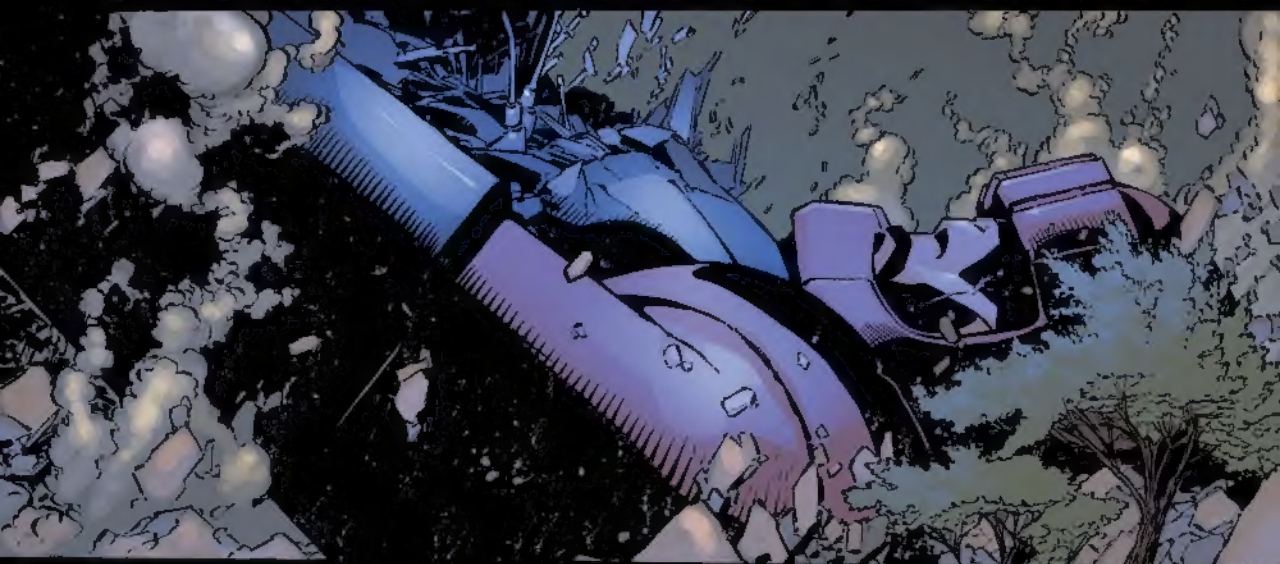
YOU'LL HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND YOURSELF, YOUR MAJESTY.




BUT FIRST COMES INCARCERATION IN THE TOWER FOR THE DURATION OF LORD MAGNETO'S BIRTHDAY GALA.



JUST TRY IT, ROBOT!





BY THE POWER AND  
AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME  
BY THE LORD MAGNETO--

--I HEREBY SENTENCE  
YOU, BRIAN BRADDOCK,  
AND ALL YOUR FAMILY--

--TO  
**DEATH!**

 **NEXT: CHADS RULES!**